



GLORY TABERNACLE

House Party Fellowship: Bible Study Outlines

Praise Worship (10 min) Testimonies (5 min) Teaching (20 min) Discussion (25 min) Prayer Requests (10 min) Offering/Closing (5 min)
DATE: Mar. 01, 2023

TOPIC: A NEW YEAR, A YEAR OF PLEASANT SURPRISES

TEXT: Isaiah 43:18-19

BIBLE READING: (For the week) – Isaiah 43:1-end

INTRODUCTION:

This year 2023 has been declared our year of pleasant surprises. It is a year to cross over unto the other side of great and pleasant surprises in every sphere of our lives. As believers, according to John 13:34 NLT 'So now I am giving you a new commandment; Love each other just as I have loved you, you should love one another'. Our thoughts, words and actions should be centered on this divine instruction. Whatever is not built on the love of God will crumble. Hence in this new year, be careful not to conform to the standards and ideals of the world, rather get ready to be transformed into the image of Christ through the renewing of your minds. As a church, we will continue to run with our vision of building an army for God in the society whereby we reflect the character and competence of Christ in every area of our lives. This will require that we walk by faith and hold an unwavering commitment to know and understand the word of God for ourselves. We should also remember that prophecies have been given for our exhortation, edification, and comfort, and to help us wage a good warfare as we go through the year.

DISCUSSION: (Points To Note)

To maximize the prophetic word that has gone ahead of us this year 2023 we need to bear in mind the following point among other things,

1. Let go of the old and embrace the new things. Things is gradually returning to normal but not the old normal but the new normal. God is bringing fresh understandings and perspectives to different issues of life. Isaiah 43:18-19a.
2. Be curious about everything, question everything to establish the truth and avoid being manipulated by those who have platforms to do so. Acts 17:11.
3. Refuse to conform and get ready to be transformed. Don't go with popular opinion. Be guided by the Spirit of God and His Word. Rom. 8:14, Isa. 30:21.
4. Be open to new and innovative ideas, don't hold on to status quo. Luke 5:4.
5. Walk by faith this year, keep your focus on God and His word irrespective of happenings around you. 2 Cor. 5:7.

CONCLUSION: ()

We must be ready to do exploit this year built on the love of God. The starting point is for us to accept Gods unconditional love in its entirety and share the same love with people around us. New beginnings must begin with a new life in Christ and willingness to embrace the new and pleasant things God is set to do. According to our text Isa. 43:18-19 MSG 'Be alert, be present. I'm about to do something brand-new. It's bursting out! Don't you see it? There it is! I'm making a road through the desert, rivers in the badlands.' We need to be alert and be present which implies we must be on the lookout through prayers and studying of God's for the pleasant surprises that God promised. It is bursting forth and at times it will take seeing through the eye of the Spirit to understand and embrace the new things God is doing. It's our year of pleasant surprises and we must be ready to maximize God's plan for us this new year.